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AAAS Statement on U.S. Supreme Court Decision to Uphold Travel Ban

We are disappointed that the Supreme Court has decided to uphold the Trump administration's travel ban. Recent White House statements and visa policies are discouraging many of the best and brightest international students, scholars, and scientists from choosing the United States to study and work. Scientific progress depends on openness, transparency, and the free flow of ideas; these principles have helped the United States to attract and richly benefit from international scientific talent. Overly restrictive visa policies threaten U.S. leadership in advancing scientific knowledge and innovation. We strongly recommend that the administration work with the scientific community to assess and develop policies that advance our nation's prosperity, while staying true to our foundational American principles as a nation of immigrants."

- Rush Holt, chief executive officer, American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS)

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